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4 MR. HATCHER: Again, this is Judge Charles Hatcher, and
5 we are back. Let's go ahead. And we will go on the
6 record to call for the attendance of Mr. Robinson.
7 There is no court reporter, so this will just be
8 recorded. If anyone does request a transcript, we will
9 get that transcribed and sent to you. Otherwise, let's
10 go on the record.

11 Today is July 15th, 2026. The Commission
12 has set this time for a prehearing conference for case
13 number GC-2026-0237. As I stated, there is no court
14 reporter, but this conference is being recorded for
15 possible transcription at a later time, if so requested.
16 Again, this conference is being held solely via Internet
17 and WebEx phone and Internet application.

18 My name is Charles Hatcher, and I am the
19 regulatory law judge assigned to this case. Let's go
20 ahead and have counsel for the parties make their
21 appearance. Mr. Pernell Robinson, are you in
22 attendance? I will call again. Mr. Robinson, are you
23 here? It is "star" unmute if you are on the phone and
24 you need to unmute yourself.

25 And again, I will state for the record.

1 This procedural conference convened at 9:00 a.m. It is
2 currently 9:16 a.m. We have waited 15 minutes for Mr.
3 Robinson to appear and he has not. For Spire, would
4 Counsel please go ahead and enter your appearance? Mr.
5 Arias is fixing his microphone.

6 MR. ARIAS: Is that better?

7 MR. HATCHER: Yes, perfect.

8 MR. ARIAS: Apologies. Good morning.
9 Thank you, Your Honor. Antonio Arias on behalf of Spire
10 Missouri, Inc.

11 MR. HATCHER: Excellent. Thank you. And
12 for Staff?

13 MS. HANSON: Andrea Hanson on behalf of
14 Staff Counsel's Office. Scott Stacey is also with Staff
15 Counsel's Office. He is on this call as well. And then
16 we do have a couple of Staff members. We have Mr. Scott
17 Glasgow, Contessa King, and then Johna, she has just
18 joined us recently.

19 MR. HATCHER: Excellent. Thank you and
20 welcome. And the Office of Public Counsel?

21 MS. MARTIN: This is Anna Martin with the
22 Office of the Public Counsel. I do also want to verify,
23 you said, "star unmute" earlier. Did you mean star six?

24 MR. HATCHER: Yes. Thank you. So, I'll
25 do that again. Mr. Robinson, if you are on our WebEx

1 and you are on your phone, it is star six. Press that
2 asterisk sign and the number six on your phone to unmute
3 yourself. Mr. Robinson, are you there? And thank you,
4 Ms. Martin, for pointing that out.

5 MS. MARTIN: Of course, no problem.

6 MR. HATCHER: We are going to close this
7 -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

8 MS. MARTIN: Oh, I just said, "Of course,
9 no problem."

10 MR. HATCHER: Sure, let's go ahead. And
11 we will shut down this procedural conference here in
12 about 30 seconds or so. I do want to offer to the
13 parties, did anyone have any other items that they would
14 like to bring up at this procedural conference? I don't
15 expect any since our complainant is not in attendance.
16 Excellent. Hearing none. Let's go ahead and go off the
17 record.

18 Thank you all for your attendance here
19 this morning. What will happen next is I will send out
20 a show cause order for Mr. Robinson to explain his
21 absence. In that show cause order, it will mention that
22 if he does not respond, that this case might -- his
23 complaint might be dismissed. And then, we will go from
24 there, depending. Any questions on what happens next or
25 any other issues before I end our WebEx?

1 MR. ARIAS: No, Judge.

2 MR. HATCHER: Excellent. Everyone have a
3 very good Wednesday. Thank you for joining me.

4 MR. ARIAS: Thank you.

5 (End of audio recording.)
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